

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Special Meeting  
Monday, 20 August 2012  
7:00 p.m.  
District Office Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance**

A special meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 20 August 2012, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mrs. Bonnie Fiedler, Mr. Brent Hock, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. David Klingerman Jr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Cristina Mathews, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Dr. Cosmas Curry and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Ms. Mary Beth Broadt, Mrs. Sara Broadt, Mr. Colton Hock, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. John Klinger, Mr. Ed Knorr, Ms. Sue Knorr, Mr. Mark Kruczek, Ms. Deb MacLachlan, Ms. Susan Schwartz, Ms. Denise Stone, Ms. Carol Tevis, and Ms. Kate Thomas.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK**

Mr. and Mrs. John Klinger addressed the school board to ask them to consider adding a bus stop in front of their home for their son who attends Bloomsburg Middle School. After hearing from the Klingers and also Dr. Curry, Mr. Upton, and Ms. Kessler and then discussing the issue, the board decided to not further review it and there was not a bus stop added.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tobin, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: the 16 July 2012 regular monthly meeting; and the 6 August 2012 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes and one abstention (being Ms. Mathews, stating she was abstaining because she had not been present at one of the meetings).

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the financial reports for July 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Mr. Tobin moved to approve the bills payable for 17 July 2012 – 20 August 2012, ranging from check #00032636 – check #00032881, including wire transfers totaling \$192,131.63, in the amount of \$1,433,643.39. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, and it then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 17 July 2012 – 20 August 2012, ranging from check #00001733 – check #00001734, totaling \$7,129.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Curry distributed a list of 2012-2013 district-wide goals to all school directors. He went through and summarized each goal. Those goals are:

- I. Continue with the establishment of a system within the school that ensures consistent implementation of standards-aligned curricula for all grade levels and all students (state, common core, SAS).
- II. Evaluate effective instructional practices across all classrooms as we transition to the new state teacher evaluation form, citing evidence of standards-aligned curricula, cross-curricular standards where applicable, and assessment of these standards.
- III. Ensure a system of assessments which accounts for teacher, administrative, and student preparation of PSSAs and Keystone Examinations, as well as teacher and/or district-developed formative, summative, benchmark, and/or diagnostic assessments.
- IV. Successfully coordinate and involve staff, parents, and the community in the comprehensive planning process.
- V. Provide sustained professional development for all initiatives to assure fidelity and rigor of programs.
- VI. Maintain a system that ensures IEP/GIEP students have needs met and documentation to support this.
- VII. Review and renew all aspects of the school safety plan.
- VIII. Work within the confines of the developed budget.

After Dr. Curry presented these goals, Mr. Tobin asked that this list be added to the next work session agenda for discussion.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Mr. Colton Hock, a junior at Bloomsburg High School, reported that he had again been elected as the student representative to the school board. He said that he would be attending board meetings to represent the student body and that the school board should feel free to ask him any questions they may have.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Consolidation Resolution**

Mrs. Crawford made the motion to approve consolidation with the Central Columbia School District based on the financial feasibility study, and Mrs. Fiedler seconded the motion.

Board members then engaged in discussion regarding the potential consolidation with Central Columbia School District. Mrs. Rupp said she would be voting against the consolidation, as there has never been

water on the first floor of the middle school, even during the September 2011 flood, and because the cost to taxpayers would be too steep.

Mr. Klingerman said that it was remarkable that both the Bloomsburg and Central Columbia schools boards seriously considered a consolidation and also said that he did not like the wording of the motion. He went on to say that flooding is in store for Bloomsburg's future and that umbrella coverage is not even available for the district to purchase. He concluded by stating he wished the two districts had more than eight months to review the possible consolidation. Mr. Tobin said he agreed with Mr. Klingerman's stance on consolidation.

Ms. Mathews said she did not approve of the distance from Bloomsburg secondary students' homes to the Central Columbia campus, and Mr. Hock said he could not support the consolidation at this point. He continued, stating that the consolidation could have potential, but that the decision had to be hastily made.

After discussion, a voice vote was taken, with the result being two yes votes and seven no votes (being Mr. Crawford, Mrs. Fiedler, Mr. Hock, Mr. Hummel, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Cristina Mathews, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp). The motion failed.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tobin, to approve the following professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 21 August 2012: Caitlin Brocious, Siobhan Lyons, Dawn Harvey, Debra Heckel, Tina Howell, Pamela Jacks, Marti Luxardo, Mark Potora, Stephanie Baker, Kandace Bergerstock, Gerard Mattive, Morgana Miller, and John Politis. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff Leave of Absence**

The motion was made by Ms. Kreisher to approve a leave of absence for Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Angela Stolz, effective from 20 August 2012 to 15 October 2012. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler and then went on to pass by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignation**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to accept the resignation of Varsity Head Softball Coach Christopher Malatesta, retroactive to 3 August 2012. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rupp and then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the resignation of Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Kristine Lee, retroactive to 17 August 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Retirement**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to accept the retirement of Bloomsburg Middle School Secretary Dorothy Long, effective 22 October 2012. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mathews and then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to approve the following classified staff:

- Wendy Zajac as a classified substitute, effective upon receipt of her tuberculosis test results; and
- Ashley Honabach as the Special Education Secretary, at \$8.50/hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 21 August 2012.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hock and then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff Transfer**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the transfer of Lori Neff from classified substitute to Two-Hour-Per-Day Cafeteria Worker at Bloomsburg High School, effective 21 August 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Athletic Coaches**

Mrs. Fiedler moved to approve the following athletic coaches for the 2012-2013 season:

- Steven Bercher – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach – Step 1 - \$1,274.00
- Annette Isenberg – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach – Step 1 - \$1,274.00
- Steve Weigle – Volunteer Assistant Football Coach

The motion was seconded by Ms. Kreisher and then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **INFORMATION**

It was announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Policy 006, Policy 439, K & W Engineering, Football at BU for 2013, District-Wide 2012-2013 Goals, and Attorney General Office's Educational Programs.

Mrs. Rupp reported that the school board could have two voting delegates to the PSBA council and that if anyone was interested, they should contact her.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was reported that the next work session and special meeting would be held on Tuesday, 4 September 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Beaver-Main Elementary School, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 17 September 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:42 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary